

4: OUR JOB - STEWARDS OF CREATION – Activity 15

## Animal Masks

### Equipment

- 🐾 Paper plates
- 🐾 Scissors
- 🐾 Felt-tip pens/poster paints/other equipment for decorating masks
- 🐾 Paper-glue/sellotape.
- 🐾 String

**Activity:** Make masks and use them to talk about endangered animals and conservation.

- 🐾 Cut paper plate in half.
- 🐾 Along the straight edge of the half plate, cut out two semi-circles to provide eye-holes (depending on which animal the mask is representing, the leftover cardboard from these may make useful ear shapes!)
- 🐾 Colour and decorate the mask, before attaching the string to hold it in place.

**Purpose/teaching:** To get the children thinking and talking about endangered animals; the gifts which we have around us in Creation and what we will all lose if creatures are allowed to become extinct. Obviously how the masks are approached depends a lot upon the age of the children involved. One possibility is to talk about several endangered creatures, and to allow the children to choose their favourite, make a mask and have fun pretending to be a rhino etc! Confident children may also be prepared to tell the rest of the congregation something about their animal. Good information and fun facts about animals can be found at [www.wwf.org.uk](http://www.wwf.org.uk).

